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Mr. Loris Troyer,
Executive Editor
The Ravenna Record-Courier
N. Chestnut St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Dear Mr. Troyer,

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The *Record-Courier's* editorial of January 28, entitled "The CIA and Swine Flu," has come to our attention.

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I am enclosing for your information a release of this office dated January 26 which states that the Central Intelligence Agency informed the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that there was no foundation to allegations of Central Intelligence Agency participation in causing an outbreak of swine fever in Cuba in 1971, and that the origin of the report appears to have been a Cuban official's statement in 1975.

As a news executive you may be interested in knowing that our denial of January 26 was carried in only one major newspaper and, to our knowledge, by only one wire service, which I believe speaks of the problem we have in communicating the facts to the American people.

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Sincerely,

Andrew T. Falkiewicz
Assistant to the Director
of Central Intelligence

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